

1 which was that it might be difficult to compute how much
2 they could go up when the Federal Government reduced, this
3 fixes a ceiling and I don't think it presents any difficulty
4 with the words "excluding deductions and exemptions"
5 because that is what we now have. We pay tax on the
6 taxable income and the taxable income is that income which
7 excludes the deductions and exemptions and I don't see
8 how the people of Maryland are going to be able to
9 exist if we continually raise the income tax rates. The
10 Chairman has said there is a possibility of an income
11 tax rise. We have failed to go into the taxing areas
12 in other areas where we could get revenue for the State
13 so we are relegated to taxing real estate, sales taxes, and
14 income taxes. I don't know how much higher we can go on
15 sales tax, but I do know that with the federal burden and
16 the state burden our people, they are getting to the
17 point where they are being crushed by the taxation load,
18 and I do think there ought to be in our Constitution a
19 limitation. Last year or this year while running as a
20 delegate for the constitutional convention people all
21 over my area were thoroughly worked up about the increased